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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 453,900 IN MARCH

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment rose by 4,100 in March, mainly the result of gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector along with a small increase in Manufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 453,900 in March. This represents a gain of 4,100 from the February level of 449,800 and is 3,800 above the March 1988 figure of 450,100.

MANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Manufacturing industries advanced 200 in the February-March period. Nevertheless, the current level of 113,200 is 1,300 less than the year earlier figure of 114,500. In the Durable Goods category, the March employment total of 76,700 was up 200 from the prior month, but was 700 below the figure recorded a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries was unchanged from the February level of 36,500, but was down 600 compared to the March 1988 total.

Within the Durable Goods sector, monthly job gains in Jewelry-Silverware (+300), Lumber/Furniture and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing Segment (+100 each) more than offset declines of 100 each in Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and Electrical Machinery. The remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from their February employment levels. On an annual comparison, the largest increase in the job level occurred in Transportation Equipment (+400), followed by

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"OPTIONS '89"

The Rhode Island Job Service will hold "Options '89," a career/jobs fair for graduating high school seniors in general track and vocational curricula throughout Rhode Island, on Wednesday, May 10, 1989 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bristol Campus of Roger Williams College. Employers are invited to participate. The fair will be open to the general public from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

"Options '89," is the culmination of the "Jobs for Rhode Island Graduates" program which is administered by the Job Service Division of the R.I. Department of Employment Security and conducted in 33 schools involving some 1,450 students. It is an opportunity for these students, who will be entering the labor market following graduation, to explore many of the career options available to them.

Students who have completed the "Jobs for Rhode Island Graduates" program come prepared with job search skills and have been exposed to employment related issues, vocational exploration, preparation of employment applications, job interview procedures, employer expectations, etc.

The Rhode Island Job Service hopes to attract many employers and representatives of the armed services and proprietary schools to "Options '89," where they will have the opportunity to screen applicants and discuss potential training opportunities within their facility or organization.

Additional information on "Options '89," as well as arrangements for exhibitor participation can be made by calling R.I. Job Service - PROJECT STEADY at 277-6813.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road	
Middletown	847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St	
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
Temporary Help	277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Oliver Stedman Gov't Center	
Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-9624
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St	828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St	762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK	277-3588
TJTC Information	277-3726
TJTC Job Orders	277-3726
Employer Relations Unit	277-3458
Jobs for Rhode Island Graduates	277-6813
CALL-A-TEEN	
Call your local Job Service Office	
Project STEADY	277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Mar 1989	Feb 1989	Mar 1988
Total Placements	486	509	676
New Applications	3,335	3,014	2,508
New Openings Received	1,912	971	2,149

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Mar 1989	Feb 1989	Mar 1988
Initial Claims	6,502	7,152	5,591
No. of Payments	64,502	60,108	60,480
Amt. of Payment	$ 11,686,399	$ 10,846,380	$ 9,983,008
Exhaustions	1,053	833	1,083

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Mar 1989	Feb 1989	Mar 1988
Initial Claims	4,127	3,691	4,025
No. of Payments	28,602	24,063	28,961
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,959,023	$ 4,228,159	$ 4,700,802

RHODE ISLAND *

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	March 1989	February 1989	March 1988
Civilian Labor Force	534.3	527.6	517.7
Unemployment	22.9	19.3	19.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	3.7	3.7
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.6	3.4	3.2

PROVIDENCE*

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988
Civilian Labor Force	342.9	344.3	333.2
Unemployment	12.3	10.2	10.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	3.0	3.3

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO*

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988
Civilian Labor Force	169.8	165.9	164.1
Unemployment	8.2	7.3	7.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	4.4	4.5

NEWPORT Labor Area*

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988
Civilian Labor Force	35,940	35,375	33,670
Unemployment	1,105	1,055	1,105
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	3.0	3.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND FEBRUARY 20-24, 1989

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	16,904	100.0
Men	11,930	70.6
Under 45	8,541	71.6
45 and Over	3,389	28.4
Women	4,974	29.4
Under 45	3,307	66.5
45 and Over	1,667	33.5
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,574	27.1
Manufacturing	4,642	27.5
Public Utilities	634	3.7
Wholesale and Retail	2,466	14.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	578	3.4
Service	1,832	10.8
All Other	2,178	12.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	2,494	14.7
Clerical and Sales	2,287	13.5
Service	1,364	8.1
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	964	5.7
Processing	607	3.6
Machine Trades	1,432	8.5
Bench Work	1,501	8.9
Structural Work	4,753	28.1
Miscellaneous	1,501	8.9
INA	1	0.0

*Data for current month is PRELIMINARY; prior month has been REVISED.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Mar 1989	Feb 1989	Mar 1988	Feb 1989	Mar 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	453 9	449 8	450 1	+ 4,100	+ 3,800
MANUFACTURING	113 2	113 0	114 5	+ 200	- 1,300
NONMANUFACTURING	340 7	336 8	335 6	+ 3,900	+ 5,100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19 7	18 4	18 5	+ 1,300	+ 1,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15 4	15 1	15 5	+ 300	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	102 4	101 9	101 4	+ 500	+ 1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26 6	26 4	26 5	+ 200	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	116 0	114 4	114 3	+ 1,600	+ 1,700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60 6	60 6	59 4	0	+ 1,200

1989 Figures are PRELIMINARY 1988 Figures are REVISED Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Mar 1989	Feb 1989	Mar 1988	Feb 1989	Mar 1988	Mar 1989	Mar 1988	Mar 1989	Mar 1988	Mar 1989	Mar 1988
ALL MANUFACTURING	113 2	113 0	114 5	+ 200	- 1300	352 29	334 76	39 1	39 9	9 01	8 39
DURABLE GOODS	76 7	76 5	77 4	+ 200	- 700	346 48	329 04	38 8	39 5	8 93	8 33
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3 1	3 0	3 0	+ 100	+ 100	414 00	407 84	40 0	40 5	10 35	10 07
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1 8	1 8	1 7	0	+ 100	457 60	428 89	40 0	41 2	11 44	10 41
PRIMARY METALS	4 4	4 5	4 6	- 100	- 200	402 37	406 19	41 1	42 4	9 79	9 58
FABRICATED METALS	8 8	8 8	8 8	0	0	337 50	323 61	39 8	40 2	8 48	8 05
NONELECTRIC MACH	5 6	5 7	5 8	- 100	- 200	482 42	453 35	43 5	43 3	11 09	10 47
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11 3	11 4	11 5	- 100	- 200	334 51	310 54	39 4	40 7	8 49	7 63
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	9 4	9 4	9 0	0	+ 400	453 57	444 21	39 0	40 2	11 63	11 05
INSTRUMENTS	4 7 *	4 7 *	4 8 *	0	- 100	377 08	330 44	40 2	40 2	9 38	8 22
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21 4	21 1	21 9	+ 300	- 500	268 96	255 36	37 2	38 0	7 23	6 72
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6 2	6 1	6 3	+ 100	- 100	282 58	248 80	35 5	34 7	7 96	7 17
NONDURABLE GOODS	36 5	36 5	37 1	0	- 600	363 01	346 32	39 5	40 6	9 19	8 53
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2 8	3 0	2 9	- 200	- 100	336 78	311 47	38 8	37 8	8 68	8 24
TEXTILES	10 1	10 1	10 4	0	- 300	322 39	309 26	40 4	40 8	7 98	7 58
APPAREL	2 3	2 2	2 7	+ 100	- 400	299 20	294 10	40 0	42 5	7 48	6 92
PAPER PRODUCTS	2 6	2 6	2 6	0	0	342 29	312 53	40 7	40 8	8 41	7 66
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	7 0	7 0	7 0	0	0	462 75	453 56	35 9	39 1	12 89	11 60
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3 3	3 3	3 3	0	0	453 40	449 28	40 7	41 6	11 14	10 80
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1 3	1 3	1 2	0	+ 100	377 20	364 04	41 0	41 7	9 20	8 73
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5 0	5 0	4 9	0	+ 100	372 33	358 62	39 4	41 7	9 45	8 60
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2 1	2 0	2 1	+ 100	0	274 05	243 43	40 6	39 2	6 75	6 21

1988 Figures REVISED 1989 Figures are PRELIIMINARY Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month

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upturns of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture and Stone-Clay-Glass. Contrary to this, the most substantial decline for the 12 month period was reported in Jewelry-Silverware (-500). Also down from their year ago employment totals were Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and Electrical Machinery (-200 each) while reductions of 100 each were apparent in Instruments and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. March employment in Fabricated Metals recorded no change compared to a year earlier.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly job gains were posted in Apparel and Leather Products (+100 each). In contrast, payroll levels in Food-Beverage were down 200 for the month while employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged. Compared to March 1988, employment increases were registered in Rubber Products and Plastics Products (+100 each). An annual downturn of 400 workers occurred in Apparel followed by decreases in Textiles and Food-Beverage of 300 and 100, respectively. Employment in the four remaining Nondurable Goods industries stayed at its year ago level.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector advanced by 3,900 from February to March primarily due to hiring in Services, Contract Construction and Trade. Furthermore, the current nonfactory figure of 340,700 is 5,100 more than the year ago level of 335,600.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the most sizable monthly increase (+1,600) was reported in Services. At 116,000, this industry was up 1,700 from last March. Contract Construction jobs, at 19,700, reflected a monthly gain of 1,300 and an annual upturn of 1,200. Employment in Wholesale and Retail Trade rose 500 over the month to 102,400, which was 1,000 higher than the year earlier figure. Overall Government payroll levels remained unchanged in the February-March period, but the current job total of 60,600 is up 1,200 compared to a year ago. Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,400, posted a monthly gain of 300, while Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,600, registered an increase of 200 for the same time period. On an annual basis, the former segment was down 100 and the latter advanced by 100 jobs.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by six cents to $9.01 in mid-March; this represents a gain of 62 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week advanced by 0.1 of an hour in March to 39.1 hours, but declined 0.8 of an hour from the March 1988 work week. Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in March amounted to $352.29, representing an increase of $3.24 from last month and a gain of $17.53 compared to the same month a year ago.

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